

## Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching - Bicycling - Hunting - Hiking - Wildlife Viewing - Outdoor Photography

*Conservation areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing, and hunting activities.*

- No littering, fireworks or open fires.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption. On areas designated as Missouri Natural Areas, taking edible wild greens is prohibited.
- Removal of water and the collecting of plants, animals or artifacts are not allowed.
- No camping permitted.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, collecting plants and animals, caving and rappelling are not allowed.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

## Fishing

*Fishing and frogging are permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply:*

- Impounded waters (ponds) on the area are fishless.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all impounded waters and their discharge channels.

## Hunting and Trapping

*Area is open to hunting and frogging under statewide regulations, except as further restricted by the following regulations:*

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: only archery and muzzle-loading methods may be used. The use of antlerless permits is allowed.
- Only bucks that have at least four antler points

on one side of their rack may be taken during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons (except the youth portions).

- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or Conservation Number, of the owner and be removed from the area before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping furbearers allowed only by special use permit.

### For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation  
El Dorado Springs Office  
1109 S Main, P. O. Box 106  
El Dorado Springs, MO 64744  
417-876-5226

### Nearby Areas:

Little Osage Prairie Conservation Area  
Bristow Conservation Area  
August A. Busch Memorial Wetlands at Four Rivers Conservation Area  
Gay Feather Prairie Conservation Area

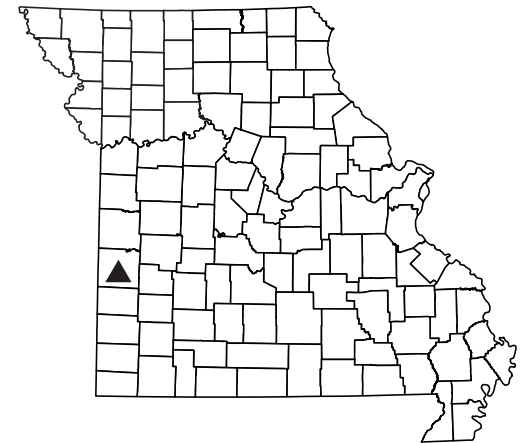


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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at [www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp).) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

# Osage Prairie

## CONSERVATION AREA



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